

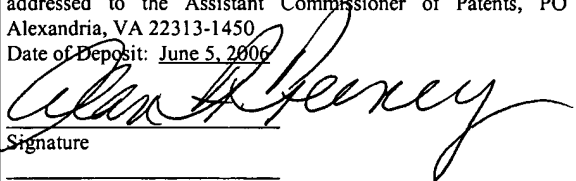


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REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2005 (hereinafter the "Instant Office Action"), please amend the above-identified application as indicated below. The period for response has been extended three months so as to expire on June 5, 2006 pursuant to Applicant's Petition for Extension of Time filed concurrently with this Reply. The present amendments follow the revised amendment practice mandated by 37 C.F.R. §1.121, effective July 30, 2003.

Claims pending in the application are listed on pages 2 - 7 of this paper.

Applicant's Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.